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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF GREENFIELD MISSION

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1. MODERATE-LEFT DAILY CUMHURIYET (JANUARY 23) CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY GIVING UNFAVORABLE ACCOUNT OF RECENT VISIT BY SPECIAL U.N. DELEGATION REGARDING POPPY PROGRAM. UNDER THE HEADLINE "PROPOSALS OF THE U.N. DELEGATION REGARDING THE OPIUM POPPY ARE REJECTED -- 300 FIRMS APPLIED TO BUILD ALKALOID FACTORY," THE PAPER SAID THE DELEGATION CAME TO TURKEY TO SUPERVISE THE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION PROGRAM AND TO "DICATE" CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ALKALOID FACTORY, BUT LEFT WHEN ITS DEMANDS WERE REJECTED BY TURKISH OFFICIALS.

2. AMONG KEY POINTS MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A. DELEGATION WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH TURKS' ASSURANCES THAT
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"DURING THE 15 DAY PERIOD FAVORABLE FOR INCISION (OF POPPY PODS),

STRICT MEASURES FOR SUPERVISION HAVE BEEN TAKEN, AND THE ENTIRE CULTIVATION REGION WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE POLICE AND JANDARMA ON LAND AND IN THE AIR";

B. DELEGATION URGED TURKEY TO SWITCH TO CULTIVATION OF A NEW TYPE OF OPIUM (SIC) POPPY;

C. DELEGATION PROPOSED DIRECT EXPORTATION OF ENTIRE CROP WITHOUT STOCKPILING, BUT OFFERED NOT ASSISTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETING;

D. DELEGATION WANTED CHANGES IN BID INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSED ALKALOID FACTORY TO PERMIT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN STATE MONOPOLY AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION FIRM; AND

E. ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ONLY IF DELEGATION'S REQUESTS WERE ACCEPTED.

3. COMMENT: TOGETHER WITH EARLIER PRESS ACCOUNTS OF MISSION'S VISIT (PARA 3 REFTTEL), THIS LATEST STORY MAY CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN PUBLIC OPINION TOWARD UN INVOLVEMENT IN POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM. MACOMBER

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